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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Docket No. A-69850-1/DJB/RMS/DCF

Anticipated Classification of
this Application:
  Class: Subclass:

Prior Application:
  Examiner: _____
  Art Unit: _____

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

      This is a request for filing an
  ___ Original
  ___ Continuation
  ___ Divisional
  _X_ Continuation-in-part

application under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b), in the name of _Jian-Bing Fan and Xiang-Dong Fu_, for _NUCLEIC ACID DETECTION METHODS USING UNIVERSAL PRIMING_. This __ application __ continuation __ divisional _X_ continuation-in-part claims priority to provisional application Serial No. _60/180,810_, filed on_February 7, 2000_ and provisional application Serial No. _60/234,731_, filed on_September 22, 2000_.

1.   (a) _X_ Enclosed is a new application.
      (b) __ Enclosed is a continuation-in-part application.
      (c) __ Enclosed is a copy of the prior application.

2.   (a) __ Enclosed is a new Declaration.
      (b) __ Enclosed is a copy of the prior executed Declaration as originally filed.
      (c) __ Enclosed is a Combined Declaration/Power of Attorney.
      (d) __ Enclosed is a copy of the Declaration and Power of Attorney as originally filed.

3.   (a) __ Enclosed is a Small Entity Affidavit.
      (b) __ Enclosed is a copy of the prior Small Entity Affidavit as originally filed.
      (c) __ A Small Entity Affidavit is of record in the prior application.

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4. ___ The filing fee is calculated below: Claims as filed in the prior application, less any claims canceled by amendment below:

For:	(Col. 1) No. Filed	(Col.2) No. Extra	SMALL ENTITY Rate	SMALL ENTITY Fee	Or	OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY Rate	OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY Fee
Basic Fee				$355.00			$690.00
Total Claims	__ - 20 =	0	_ x 9 =	$ 0	OR	_ x $18 =	$____
Indep Claims	__ - 3 =	0	_ x 39 =	$ 0	OR	_ x $78 =	$____
[ ] Multiple Depen Claims			+ $135 =	$____	OR	+ $260 =	$____
Total				$____			$____

* If the difference in Col. 1 is less than zero, enter "0" in Col. 2.

5. ___ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, including extension fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1300 (Order No. _____).

6. X No check is enclosed to pay the fee.

7. ___ Cancel in this application original claims ____ of the prior application before calculating the filing fee. (At least one independent claim must be retained for filing purposes.)

8. ___ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

9. (a) X Informal drawings are enclosed, 11 sheets.
   (b) ____ Formal drawings are enclosed, __ sheets.

10. (a) ____ Priority of application Serial No. ___ filed on ___ in ___ is claimed under 35 U.S.C. 119.
    (b) ____ The certified copy has been filed in prior application Serial No. _ filed on __.

11. (a) ____ An Assignment is enclosed.
    (b) ____ Enclosed is a copy of the prior assignment as originally filed.

12. ___ The prior application is assigned of record to _____.

13. X The power of attorney in the prior application is to:

FLEHR HOHBACH TEST ALBRITTON & HERBERT, LLP

(a)__ The power appears in the original papers in the prior application.

(b)__ Since the power does not appear in the original papers, a copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed.

(c) X Address all future communications to:

Robin M. Silva, Esq.
FLEHR HOHBACH TEST ALBRITTON & HERBERT LLP
Suite 3400, Four Embarcadero Center
San Francisco, California 94111-4187
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14. __ A preliminary amendment is enclosed. (Claims added by this amendment have been properly numbered consecutively beginning with the number next following the highest numbered original claim in the prior application.)

15. ____ A Prior Art Statement is enclosed.

16. ____ I hereby verify that the attached papers are a true duplicate of prior application Serial No. ____ _____ as originally filed on_____.

Date: _February 7, 2001_   _David C. Austin Reg.No.: 44,685_

Robin M. Silva
Registration No. _38,304_

Address of Signer: _X_ Attorney or agent of record

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